

SMALL BUSINESS IMPACT

Prior to adopting a new section or amendment, section 4-168a of the Connecticut General Statutes (CGS) requires that each state agency consider the effect of such action on small businesses as defined in CGS section 4-168a. When such regulatory action may have an adverse effect on small businesses, CGS section 4-168a directs the agency to consider regulatory requirements that will minimize the adverse impacts on small businesses if the addition of such requirements (1) will not interfere with the intended objectives of the regulatory action and (2) will allow the new section or amendment to remain consistent with public health, safety and welfare.

State Agency Submitting Proposal: Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP)

Subject of the Proposal: Control of nitrogen oxides emissions

In accordance with CGS section 4-168a, staff analyzed the effect on small businesses of the proposal and determined the following:

Check all appropriate boxes:

- ☒ The proposal will not have an effect on small businesses.
- ☐ The proposal will have an effect on small businesses, but will not have an adverse effect on such small businesses.
- ☐ The proposal may have an adverse effect on small businesses, and no alternative considered would be both as effective in achieving the purpose of the action and less burdensome to potentially affected small business. Alternatives considered include the following:
- (1) The establishment of less stringent compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses;
 - (2) The establishment of less stringent schedules or deadlines for compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses;
 - (3) The consolidation or simplification of compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses;
 - (4) The establishment of performance standards for small businesses to replace design or operational standards required in the new section or amendment; and
 - (5) The exemption of small businesses from all or any part of the requirements contained in the new section or amendment.

- ☐ The proposal will have an adverse effect on small businesses that cannot be minimized in a manner that is consistent with public health, safety and welfare.

Explanation:

Currently, a state air quality program limits nitrogen oxides (NO_x) emissions from industrial sources by placing emission limitations on these sources and the emission limitations are unchanged by this proposal. These amendments are intended to eliminate the burden of submitting a compliance plan when it is unnecessary, more clearly defining a universe of exempt units, and clarifying when compliance plans and amendments to plans are required.

The costs associated with those actions are expected to be minimal for the group of regulated sources as a whole including small businesses. DEEP anticipates implementing this program with current staffing.